cated while furnishing their statement of accounts; if so, which competent authority reviews the correctness of costing;

(b) whether the Co-operative Sector is also covered under the Companies Act including the co-operative sugar factories; and

(c) if so, whether the sugar factories are indicating the costing of the sugar manufactured by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Central Government is empowered under Section 209(1)(d) of the Companies Act, 1956 to direct a company pertaining to any class of companies engaged in production, processing, manufacturing or mining activities for maintenance of proper books of accounts relating to utilisation of material or labour or to other items of cost as may be prescribed. Under this Section, the Central Government has so far prescribed forty Cost Accounting Records Rules covering 79 products including sugar. These books of accounts are subject to audit under Section 233B of the Companies Act, 1956 by a Cost Accountant as defined in the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959 who certifies for their correctness. These provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 are applicable to companies registered under the said Act only and do not apply to Co-operative Sector.

Marriage-related cases in Delhi courts

1619. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of marriage-related cases in Delhi courts has shown a sharp rise in recent years;

(b) if so, what are the causes thereof; and

(c) whether Government have set up counselling centres in accessible areas so that such cases can be resolved through negotiations and reconciliation rather than end in break-down of the marriages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Registry of Delhi High Court has informed that there is a slight increase in the number of marriage related cases in Delhi Courts in recent years.

(b) The increase in institution of marriage related cases is due to various factors including increase in the population of Delhi.

(c) Section 5 of the Family Courts Act, 1984 provides for Association of Social Welfare agencies etc., for resolving the marriage related cases through reconciliation and Section 6 of the Act provides for determination of the number and categories of counsellors etc. to assist a Family Court by the State Governments in consultation with their respective High Courts.

Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

1620. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons are nominated by the Central Government to the Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India;

(b) how many of them are officials and non-officials;

(c) what is the criterion adopted for the appointments of non-official members; and

(d) whether Government would consider to nominate non-Chartered Accountants, who are users of the serivces of Chartered Accountants as non-official members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Section 9(2)(b) of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 stipulates that six persons will be

appointed by the Central Government to the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The said Act does not specify as to how many of these nominations will be from official or non-official category. However, the Central Government has nominated three officials and three non-officials to the present Council of the Institute for a term of three years starting from 18-1-95.

(c) and (d) While making these nominations the Central Govt. do take into account the background and experience of the persons who can effectively contribute to management of the affairs of the Institute and in regulating the profession of Chartered Accountants in the Country.

Establishing the Bench of Karnataka High Court at Hindi

1621. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for the establishment of a Bench of the Karnataka High Court at Hubli;

(b) since when this request has been pending before the Central Government; and

(c) the reasons for not considering the request when similar arrangement is existing in the States like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, U.P., etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Chief Minister of Karnataka intimated *vide* his letter dated 11th August, 1992 that the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court had been requested to apprise the Full Court of the State Government's strong views in the matter of setting up of a Bench of the High Court at Dharwad and to communicate its concurrence early. The Chief Minister *(Inter-alia* requested that the matter be processed further and approval of the Government of India communicated for the setting u of a permanent Bench of the Karnataki High Court at Dharwad. The Chie Minister was requested in September 1992 to discuss the matter with the Chie Justice of the High Court, to obtain hi views and to send them with the view of the State Government so as to enabl the Central Government to proceed fur ther in terms of Section 51(2) of th States Re-organisation Act, 1956. Th Chief Minister intimated *vide* his letter dated 5-5-93 and 28-10-93 that he ha discussed the matter with the Chie Justice and was expecting a reply. No spe cific, complete proposal has been receive from the State Government, in consulta tion with the High Court. Therefore, i is not possible for the Cenral Govern ment to take further action in the matter

Failure of Lan Eseda Lease and Financ Company to return the Public Funds

1622. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a company Lan Eseda Lease and Finance, listed wit the Hyderabad Stock Exchange, failed t return the public funds comprising it under subscribed issue;

(b) whether any search was conducte by the Revenue department at Shyan Bhatia's Premises and whether unaccoun ted assets and incriminating document were seized; and

(c) whether the Office of the Contro ler of Capital Issues were not aware c Shyam Bhatia's massive income to eva sion from the year 1990-91 and whethe the Ministries of Law and Finance wer keeping a track on the antecedents c the promotor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AN COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R BHARDWAJ): (a) The Hyderabad Stoc Exchange Ltd. have stated that no com pany named M/s. Lan Eseda Lease Finance Ltd. is listed with the Hyder